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In re Application of:)
Atsushi Magara)
Serial No. To Be Assigned)
Filing Date: Herewith)
For Rotary Head with Small Output)
 Difference and Tape-Medium,)
 Recording and playback Apparatus)
 Using the Same)

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the obligation under 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and in conformance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97-1.99, Applicant hereby submits reference A1 listed on the attached form PTO-1449 for consideration by the Examiner. A copy of the reference is enclosed herewith.

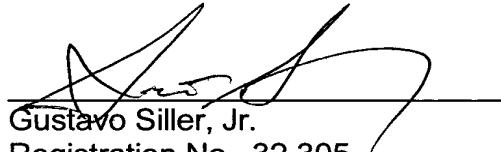
Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 5-290338 discloses an azimuth recording operation..

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Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner review the entire disclosure of this document and make it of record.

Respectfully submitted,



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	A1	5-290338	11/1993	JP		X

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